Coordinated Assessment & Placement System (CAPS)

HRA Redesign of Application System for Coordinated Entry

Presentation to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development Subgrantees

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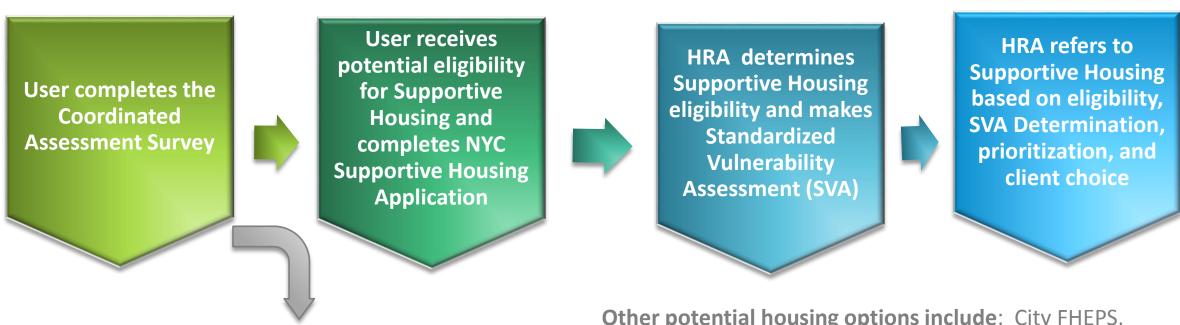
Agenda

What's New in CAPS

- NYC Supportive Housing Application
- Housing Inventory
- Referral and Placement
- Vacancy Control

New System Training and Access

NYC COORDINATED ASSESSMENT & PLACEMENT SYSTEM (CAPS) What does the process look like?



Potential eligibility for other housing options:

Other potential housing options include: City FHEPS, FHEPS A & B, Enhanced One Shot Deal (EOSD), Pathway Home, etc. Additional housing options will be included over the course of CAPS development.

CAPS Community Engagement

- CAPS committee as part of the NYC CoC
- CAPS progress is a collaboration of government, membership organizations, and the nonprofit provider community
- CAPS committee motto is "the system is iterative" for continuous improvement based on stakeholder feedback
- Coordinated Entry is HUD mandate, but allows for each community to determine their specific needs



NYC Supportive Housing Application

The Coordinated Assessment Survey will be required before completing a supportive housing application.

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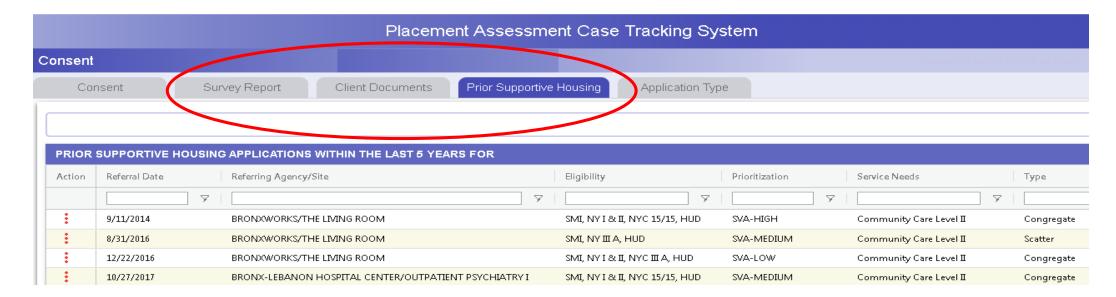
Access to client financial and identifying documents on file in the HRA repository, the last five years of prior supportive housing applications, surveys completed within the last 6 months, and potential housing eligibility (supportive, federal and city/state rental subsidies). Lastly, pre-population of application data from survey.



Access to the Coordinated Assessment Survey, client documents and prior supportive housing application while completing the housing application.

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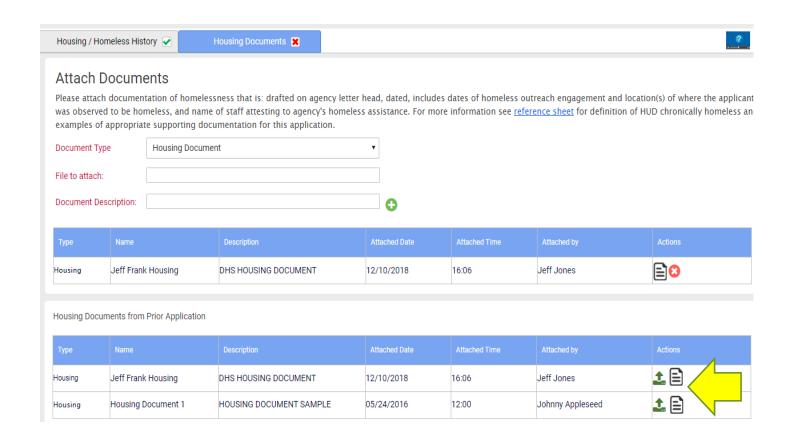
Easily access the survey, client documents and last five years of prior supportive housing applications without having to return to the survey module, everything is in one place!



Able to view and upload prior housing verification letters directly into the application.

Perks:

Reduce the need to contact homeless services providers to request homeless verification letters for clients.



Changes: Expansion of professions to complete the psychiatric evaluation

Perks: Increased access to qualified health professionals able to conduct a comprehensive psychiatric evaluation

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Licensed Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NPP) Licensed Physician Assistant (PA)- new

Licensed Psychiatrist (MD)

Licensed Psychologist (PHD, PSYD)

Licensed Medical Doctor
(MD) – new

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) co-signed by (Clinical Social Worker, Psychologist, Psychiatrist)

- new

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) - new

ESSHI eligibility will be determined for mental health and substance use populations (single adults, families and youth)

Perks:

All applications will be reviewed for ESSHI along with existing categories



New Look with the Same Great Features!

- Application pulls the last 4 years of homeless history from CARES (DHS Singles and FWC shelter) and HASA
- Application pulls in the last 4 years of housing history from prior supportive housing applications
- Referring agency, housing provider (upon referral) and placement entity can add documentation to support referral and placement after application is approved
- Display of expiration date and prompt for applications saved as pending (max time 30 days)
- Use of the Mental Health Report instead of attaching a psychosocial assessment and psychiatric evaluation

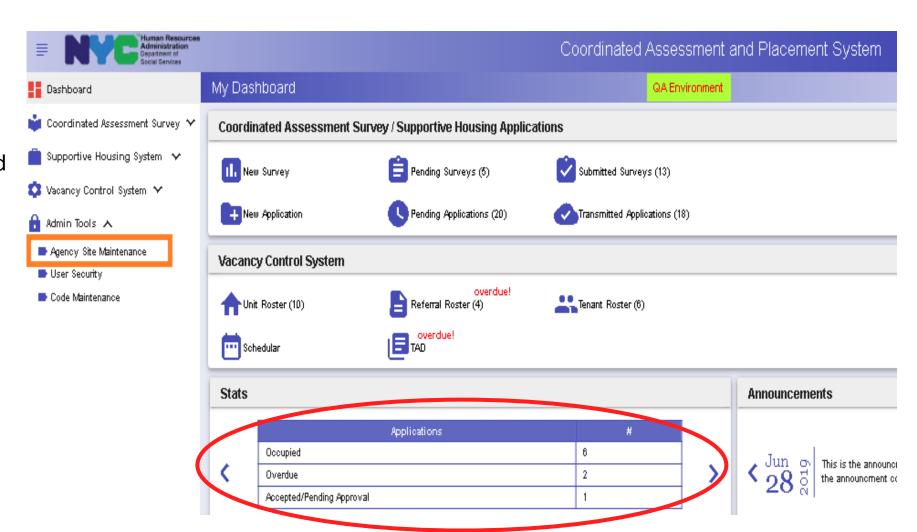


Housing Inventory

Users will now have a dashboard with easily identifiable icons to manage workload

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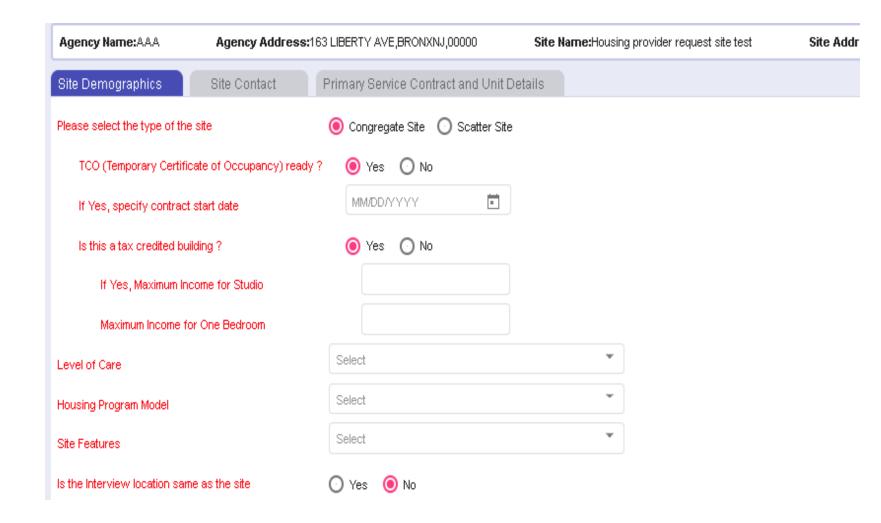
Inclusion of key stats depending on your user role and icons for easier navigation



Housing providers can request a new site directly in CAPS

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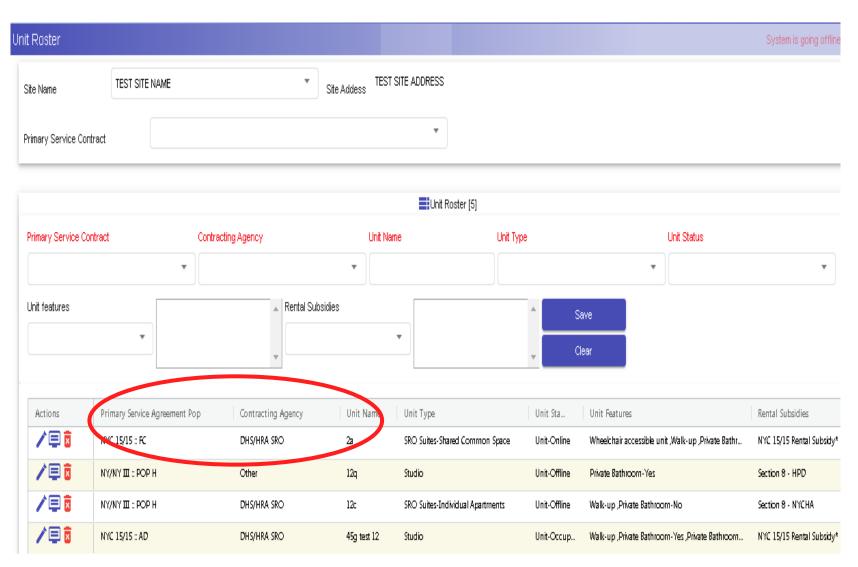
Coordinated Entry staff will verify details of the primary service agreement with the contract agency as well as unit features. Once verified, the site will be available for referrals, scheduling interviews, and tracking vacancies



Tracking of unit and program level data by primary supportive housing contract type and rental subsidy (i.e. ESSHI, DHS SRO, COC, NY/NY, etc.)

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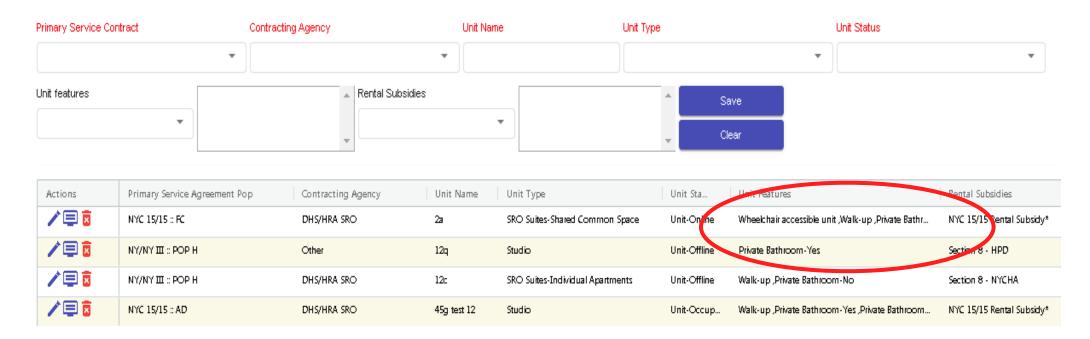
Housing providers able to communicate real-time status of vacancies, return interview outcomes, maintain accurate housing program profiles and monitor outstanding tasks



System able to track unit level detail features (i.e. wheelchair accessible, non-smoking).

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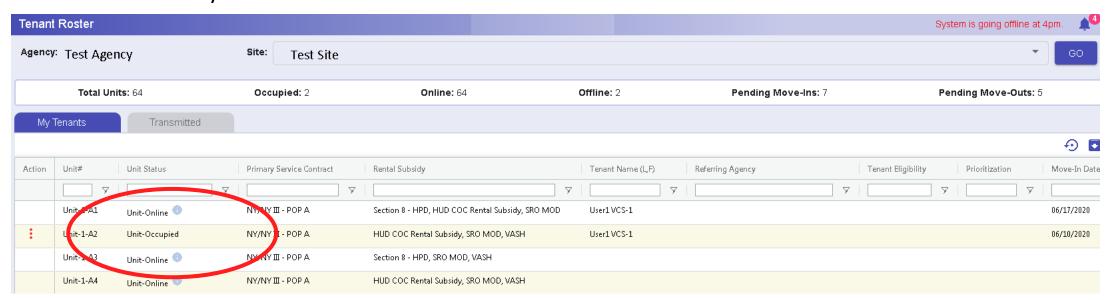
Improved matching of eligible tenants for existing vacancies based on client preferences, unit features and service contract



Unit and tenant rosters will be updated monthly by housing providers to communicate the availability of vacancies for referrals (i.e. occupied, online, offline). The housing provider can also update in real-time a vacancy to communicate unit status to placement entity

Perks:

Flag a vacancy as offline and unavailable for referral (i.e. due to repairs) or if the unit is available for a referral immediately





Referral and Placement

Referral and Placement

- Placement Entities (PE) refer clients for units designated "on-line" by the provider in the system
- PE matches clients to vacant units based on eligibility, population, prioritization, and client preference
- Scheduler function allows housing provide to enter interview time slots for PE to schedule matched client
- Housing providers will update referral rosters monthly to communicate the status of clients referred (i.e. accepted, client rejected)



Vacancy Control

HRA Coordinated Entry will:

- Assist housing providers with maintaining accurate information in the system and will make unit changes as needed
- Verify real-time placement data including move-out reasons

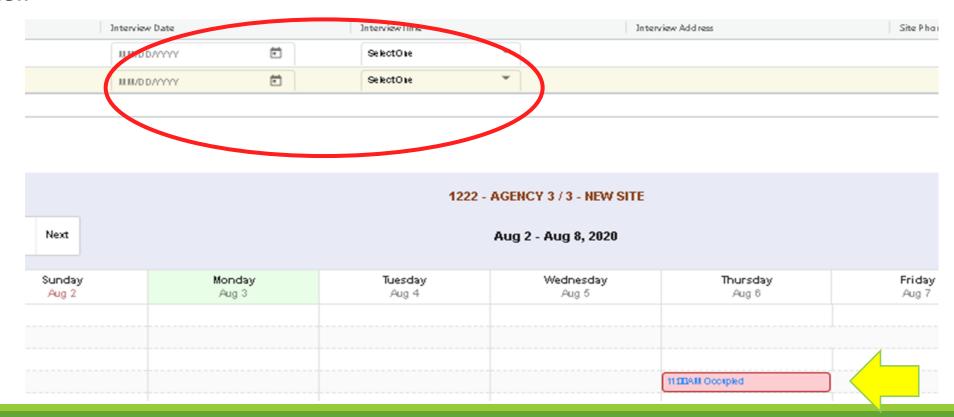
Placement Entities will:

- Monitor real-time vacancy status
- Follow-up on units with a status of an off-line vacancy
- Units listed as online will be followed-up on and a referral made
- Continue to offer 3 to 1 referrals for each vacancy

Interview scheduling functionality available for the placement entity and housing provider

Perks:

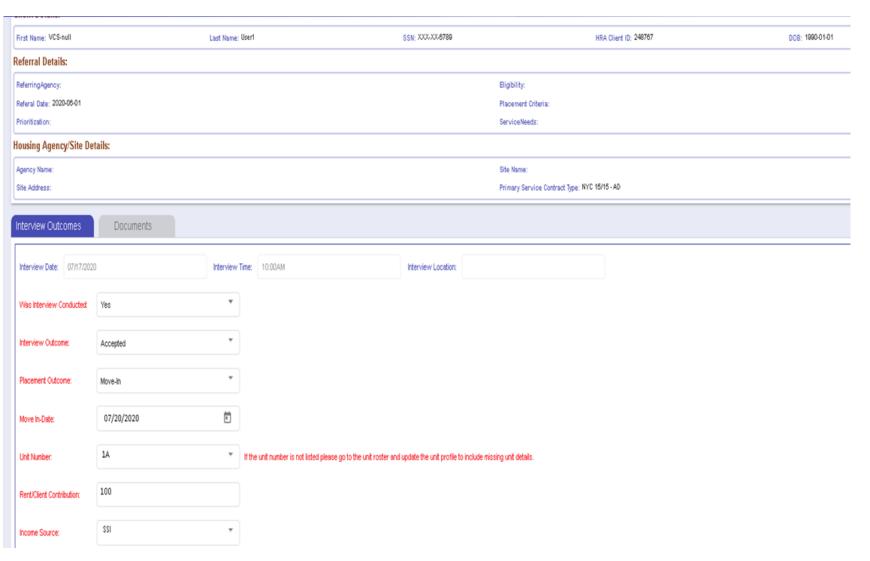
The housing provider makes date and time slots available on their calendar, this information is then viewable for the placement entity. The placement entity can schedule clients in the available slots, for times that work best for both parties. The housing provider receives an email notification of the scheduled interview

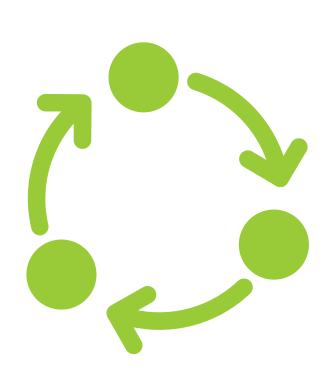


Housing providers can update outcomes for interviews in real time to communicate the need for referrals. Placement entities will know when clients are accepted to units to discontinue referrals.

Perk:

Allows for providers to monitor interview outcomes in the aggregate by program. The outcomes are: Accepted; Pending; Client did not Accept; Housing provider did not Accept.





CoC Workflow for HPD Subgrantees

CoC workflow process for HPD Subgrantees

Placement Entity Housing **Placement** Housing **Provider Provider Entity** Uploads shelter • Submits referral • Interviews client plus care Uploads the CoC application and to HPD CoC unit and submits the certification form required outcome in CAPS and required • The client is documents, then documents, then placed on the CoC • If the client moves transmits to HPD transmits to the referral queue in, the placement housing provider HPD receives an is verified and the email notification PE receives an The housing email notification provider receives an email notification

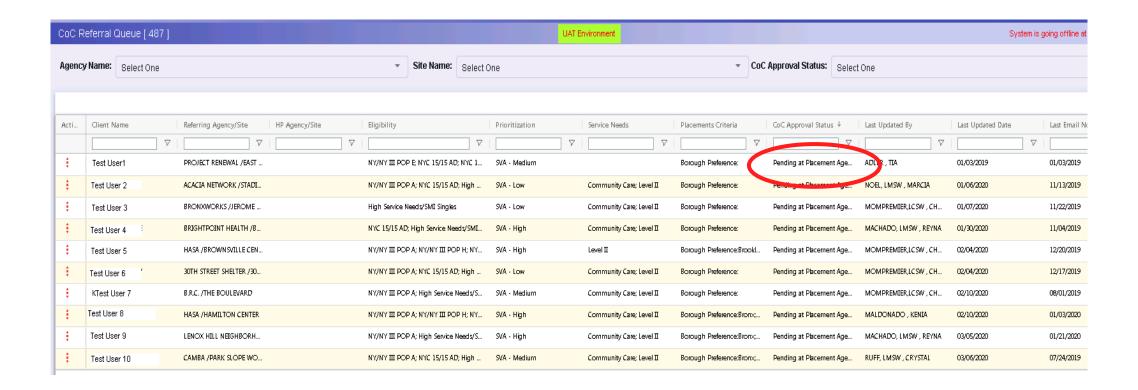
The CoC workflow process outlined above is intended to provide a general overview and doesn't include all the steps or outcomes

HPD

- Reviews
 supportive
 housing
 application,
 shelter plus care
 application/CoC
 certification
 form, and other
 documents. HPD
 transmits to
 housing provider
 the outcome of
 the shelter plus
 application
- The housing provider receives an email notification

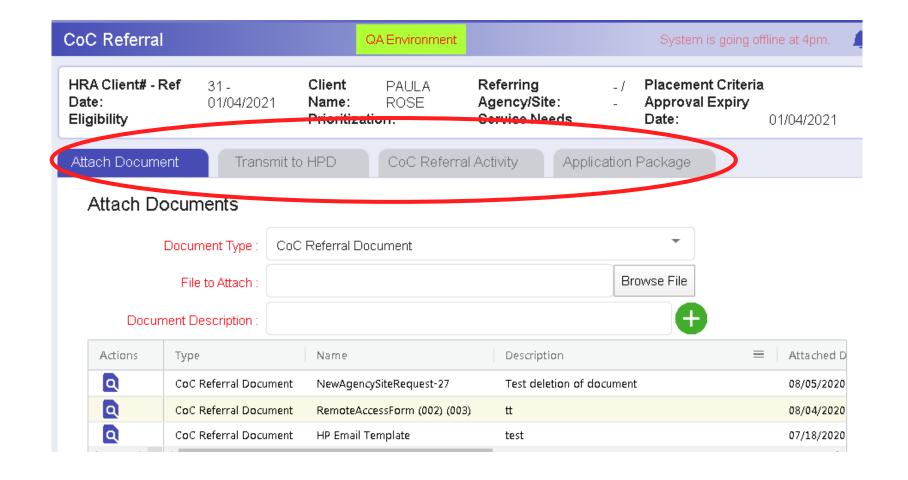
Changes: The Placement entity is able to complete referrals to units listed as CoC (HPD subgrantee only) funded. Clients that have been referred to CoC units are placed on a CoC referral queue which includes information on: client supportive housing eligibility, name of housing provider, referral status, etc. The list is viewable to the housing provider, placement entity and HPD

Perks: Ability to easily track the status of CoC referrals



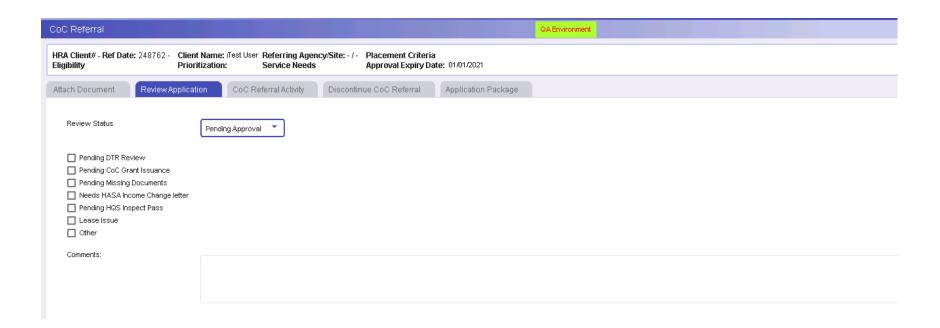
Changes: The housing provider is able to view the supportive housing application, documents from the HRA repository, attach the shelter plus care application and transmit to HPD

Perks: Able to electronically transmit and track shelter plus care applications



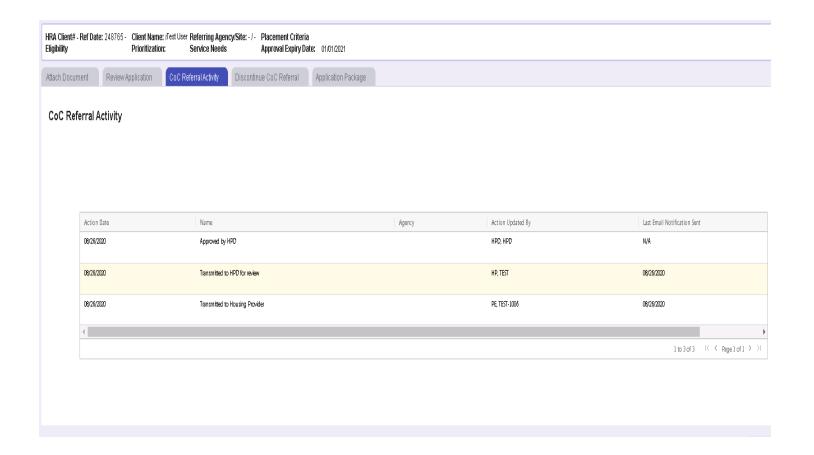
Changes: HPD is able to review the supportive housing application, shelter plus application and CoC certification form, additional documents, and make a determination on the outcome of the shelter plus application. HPD transmit a determination to the housing provider of approved, disapproved or pending approval.

Perks: The housing provider is notified electronically of the outcome of the shelter plus application.



Change: The placement entity, HPD and the housing provider, all are able to see the actions taken on a CoC referral for each client. Actions taken are date/time stamped along with the name of the user.

Perk: Allows for easier tracking of the CoC referral and provides transparency.



New System Training and Access

Gaining System Access

- For programs and/or staff that do not have access, your agency may have system administrators with access that will be identified to assist
- For agencies and/or programs that do not have system administrators you may contact HRA user support at hracassupport@hra.nyc.gov

Future HRA Trainings

- Will host sessions for housing providers using the train-the-trainer method, agencies will identify key staff to provide further elbow training to rest of their agency (tentative late September)
- Provide ongoing train-the-trainer sessions for referral agencies on completing the NYC Supportive Housing Application
- Will conduct large scale demo and live stream in September to stakeholders

Thank You!

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